DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION COORDINATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES PROVIDER INFORMATION

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WHAT IS YOUR PHILOSOPHY IN PROVIDING SERVICES?

The Cecil County Health Department strives to support individuals with disabilities in leading fulfilling lives with a variety of supports and services within their community. Each individual is assisted in developing a holistic plan which reflects their strengths, preferences, needs, and supports their rights and values. All services provided are based on the principles of self-determination, non-discrimination, are sensitive and responsive to age and cultural differences, person-directed, meet the highest standards for health and safety, and ensure continuity of service provision.

HOW LONG HAS YOUR AGENCY BEEN PROVIDING COORDINATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES IN MARYLAND?

Eastern Shore Resource Coordination Partnership (ESRCP) has been operating for over 25 years and the Cecil County Health Department Resource Coordination (RC) program has been serving the citizens of Cecil County for over 30 years.

HOW IS YOUR AGENCY DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS?

The Resource Coordination Program operates as an integral part of the County Health Department services system, providing holistic care through our network of medical, mental health, addictions, family planning, maternity, infant and toddler, adult evaluation, personal care, medical transportation, child health, immunization, outreach and other programs. With the impending implementation of the Affordable Care Act in Maryland, this existing local health network will serve as a single point of entry for health care services for the uninsured and under insured residents of the county. Residents have a close relationship with the Health Department and look to us first for accessing health-related services.

WHAT MARYLAND COUNTIES DO YOU SERVE?

Cecil County

WHAT AREAS OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DO YOU HAVE SPECIALISTS IN?

The Cecil County Health Department provides training to all its Resource Coordinators in all areas of developmental disabilities as required by the DDA (Developmental Disabilities Administration). Further, each Resource Coordinator is also trained in the specific developmental disabilities of the individuals they serve. Using electronic "shared documents" the ESRCP maintains an extensive cyberlibrary of resources and information on specific disabilities as well as on disabilities in general.

HOW DO YOU MATCH INDIVIDUALS WITH COORDINATORS?

The Cecil County Health Department Resource Coordination program researches an individual's strengths, needs and preferences, as well as specific needs for service and matches the individual with the appropriate resource coordinator. The individual's choice is the final word on Resource Coordinator selection.

DO YOU PROVIDE REFERENCES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND FAMILIES TO CONTACT? IF SO, HOW DO I ACCESS?

The Cecil County Health Department has been serving residents for over 30 years, working closely with other organizations, both private and public, and has a strong working relationship with them as well as a well-established service history. The Cecil County Health Department's Resource Coordination Program is part of the local community life; we will be glad to provide the names of public and private organizations as references, whenever requested.

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